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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your **URGENT** intervention in the following situation in East Timor.

Brief description of the situation :

The International Secretariat has been informed, by a reliable source, of the presumed arbitrary arrest and torture of **Marito da Costa**, aged 20, resident at the village of Lai Loro Lai de Cima.

According to information received, on 27 November 1996, **Marito da Costa**, was shot by members of the NANGALAS (Special Armed Forces) posted in the Baucau region. He was then arrested by the NANGALAS and detained at police headquarters in Quelicai, where it is believed that he was subjected to intensive interrogation and torture. It is alleged Marito da Costa is a member of a clandestine network supporting Bishop Belo and that he sold statements made by the Bishop to journalists on 25 November 1996.

It is not known whether Marito da Costa is still in detention, however, grave fears are held for his safety if he is still in detention as he may be in urgent need of medical assistance. The International Secretariat believes that he may be at heightened risk of further torture and ill-treatment if he is denied access to lawyers of his own choice and to members of his family.

Action requested :

Please contact the Indonesian authorities urging them to :

- i. take the appropriate measures to guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of **Marito da Costa**, ensure that he receive adequate medical assistance and order his immediate release if he is detained without valid charges or, if such charges exist, bring him before a competent and impartial civil tribunal and guarantee their procedural rights at all times;
- ii. guarantee an impartial and exhaustive enquiry into the facts, identify those responsible, bring them to trial and apply the penal, civil and/or administrative sanctions provided by legislation;
- iii. ensure in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards.

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Maj. Gen. H. A. Rivai, Pangdam IX/Udayana, Markas Besar KODAM IX/Udayana, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. Telegram :
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Geneva, 18 February 1997

Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the code of this appeal in your reply.